Distribution of resources from Central pool

2530. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stipulation for distribution of resources from the Central pool are proposed to be changed to make the States more responsive to central fiscal deficits, reduce population and enhance its own share of revenues;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that such change would entail lesser funds for politically crucial States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the reasons for making such changes which are likely to have adverse effect on the interests of certain States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

VRS in PNB and Canara Bank

2531. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees in each cadre in Punjab National Bank and Canara Bank who have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme during the current year;

(b) how many of them have actually retired under that scheme in those Banks;

(c) whether resultant vacancies have since been filled up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) remained open in Punjab National Bank form 1.11.2000 to 30.11.2000 and in Canara Bank from 1.1.2001 to 31.1.2001. Details of the application received and the employees relieved under the scheme are as follows:—